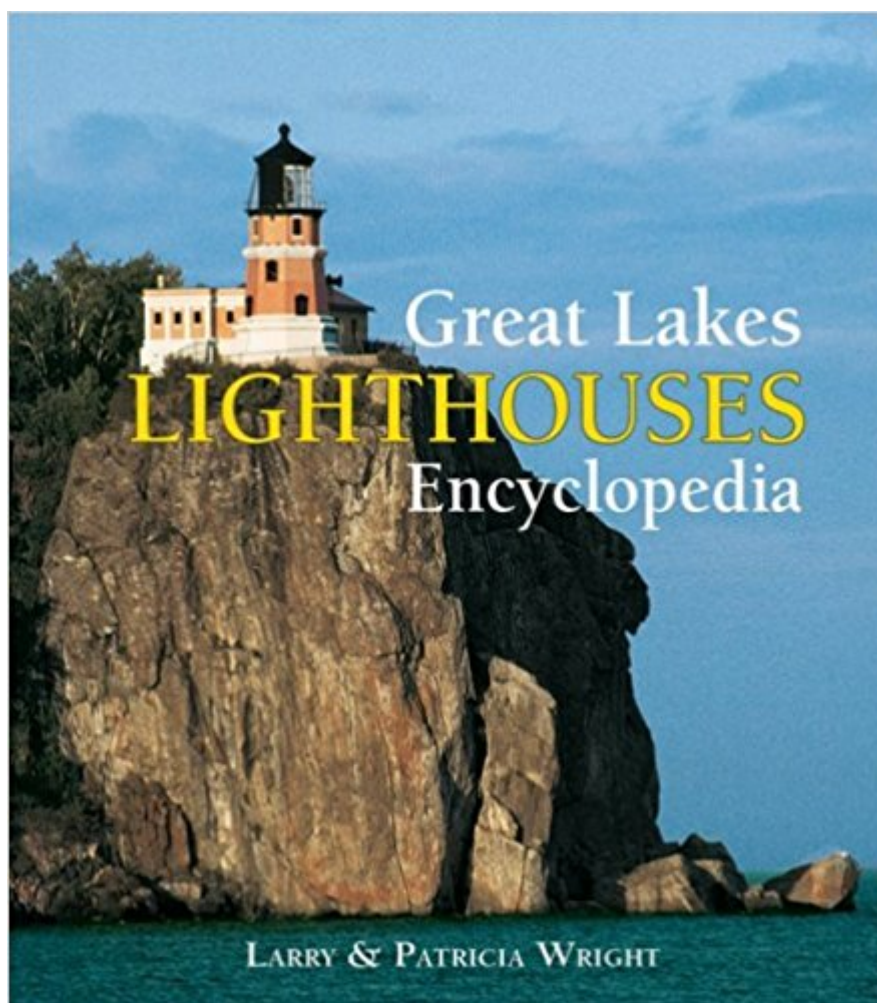




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The lighthouses of the five Great Lakes -- a comprehensive collection with full-color photographs. This comprehensive, full-color encyclopedia features more than 650 lighthouses located on all five of the Great Lakes. These lakes may appear easy to navigate, but swift currents, hidden reefs and shoals, shifting sandbars, uncharted passages and fierce, fast-moving storms made early navigation a mariner's nightmare. Thousands of sailors' lives were lost before the network of lighthouses was established, and tales of tragedy and triumph abound. All manner of stone, brick and wooden lighthouses were erected to light the night and guide the captains of schooners, steamers, brigs, barks and sloops. Too many of these noble structures have now fallen into disrepair or have been torn down in the name of progress, but hundreds survive as monuments to an exciting period in history and points of pilgrimage for millions of maritime enthusiasts. Great Lakes Lighthouses Encyclopedia includes lighthouses in both the United States and Canada. For each there is a description of its history and construction material. For many that are either open to the public or accessible through state or provincial parks, points of access are given.

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A priceless resource.... a fine book that will provide hours of pleasurable skimming for anyone who love lighthouses. (Terry Mapes News Journal, Mansfield OH 2007-02-25)The most comprehensive illustrated collection of these sentinels ever compiled. (Rob Mooy Kingston This Week 2007-08-15)Meticulously researched ... Comprehensive and beautifully illustrated.... An invaluable guide for those seeking to explore the fascinating history of the Great Lakes and their lighthouses,

whether it be from an armchair or by vehicle. (S. Neilly The Wayback Times)The definitive reference book on the subject.... It's a meticulously researched and beautifully photographed tome, a book to return to, discovering new and delicious detail each time. (Andrea Curtis Cottage Life)[Globe and Mail Christmas 2006 Gift Book selection] This comprehensive full-colour encyclopedia, the result of more than 15 years research, features information about more than 650 lighthouses located on the Canadian and U.S. sides of all five Great Lakes. (Globe and Mail 2006-12-09)Very useful for transportation, architecture, local, and comprehensive collections. Summing Up: Highly recommended. Lower-level undergraduates and above; general readers. (M. Nilsen, Indiana University South Bend Choice)If you own only one lighthouse book, this is the one to buy. It's a tremendous reference work and a nice planning guide for your next lighthouse trip. (Great Laker)

Writer Patricia Wright and photographer Larry Wright collaborated on two previous books, *Bonfires* and *Beacons and Bright Lights, Dark Nights*.

I have a nice collection of books on lighthouses. Some are interesting, others are useful, but not all are as organized and attractive as this one. It only covers the lighthouses on the Great Lakes, not a small endeavor as there are 600 or more! The back cover of the book says "...more than 650..." but I only found 573 listed in the book. The book divides them by lake (Ontario, Erie, Michigan, Huron and Superior) and further by the country in which they are located (USA, all five lakes; or Canada, except Michigan which is entirely in USA). If you are interested in seeing photos of these lighthouses and learning history about them, this is an excellent book. If you plan to visit them, this book will help but you need more information to actually find some of them and to figure out if you can actually reach them. I recommend the website for Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (gllka.com), The US Lighthouse Society (uslhs.org), Lighthouse Friends (lighthousefriends.com) and US Lighthouses (us-lighthouses.com). When I go on lighthouse trips, I categorize their accessibility as follows:

- ☑ ☐ Climb to top!
- ☑ ☐ Enter!
- ☑ ☐ Touch the outside!
- ☑ ☐ See and photograph from a short distance (100 feet or less)!
- ☑ ☐ See and photograph from a distance (more than 100 feet)!

Keep in mind that many, many lighthouses no longer exist but, if you have good reference books (or the Internet), you can often find and visit their former locations!

Nice photos of the Lighthouses on the great lakes in the US & Canada. Very user friendly with

Lighthouses listed by names/numbers on geographic maps. When possible the authors list names of the lighthouse keepers with occasional firsthand accounts through logs/diaries/letters. They describe the physical and technical features of the lighthouses as well. Often brief accounts of the contractors involved are included with amounts funded/ funding sources.

Absolutely wonderful for our tour of lighthouses on the Great Lakes.0

Was a Wedding Gift for someone who tours with the motorcycles and loves light houses - Perfect Gift...

This is really a great lighthouse book. It has beautiful pictures and a lot of information about the history of over 600 lighthouses of the Great Lakes. It even has information on lost lighthouses such the Kalamazoo River Light near Saugatuck, Michigan. I know of no other book which has more comprehensive coverage of all of the Great Lakes lights and has it all in one volume. And my copy was a real bargain purchased a lower price here than any of the bookstores in my area.

nice book! the shipping was very slowwwwwwwwwww

I ordered this book because of my grandson's huge interest in light houses. We're planning a trip this summer to visit the tallest and possible stops along the way. He loves the pictures and I love the information.

This is an excellent reference to Great Lakes lighthouses with great pictures, info and history of lighthouses.

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